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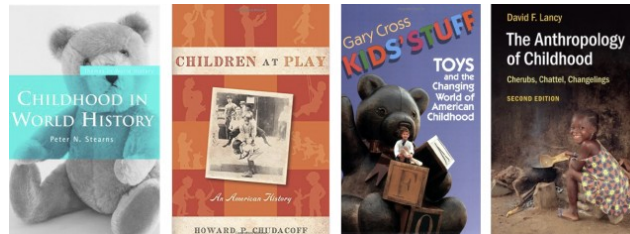


## History of Childhood

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Here are Steven Mintz's suggestions for more reading on the history of childhood.



Howard Chudacoff, *Children at Play: An American History* (2008)

Chudacoff demonstrates that children's play has always been a subject of contention, with adults seeking to control the way that children spend their time and kids using play for their own purposes: as a physical and emotional release and a form of resistance and subversion.

Gary Cross, *Kids' Stuff: Toys and the Changing World of American Childhood* (1999)

Cross traces a shift from toys that sought to educate children and prepare them for the adult world to toys that create a fantasy world separate and apart from the adulthood.

David F. Lancy, *The Anthropology of Childhood: Cherubs, Chattel, Changelings* (2015)

By uncovering children's lives in diverse cultures, this book challenges narrowly, culture-bound conceptions of childhood.

Peter Stearns, *Childhood in World History* (2006)

Stearns places childhood in global-historical perspective and shows that the contemporary Western ideal of childhood—as a period devoted to play and schooling, sharply segregated from the adult world—is a historical anomaly.



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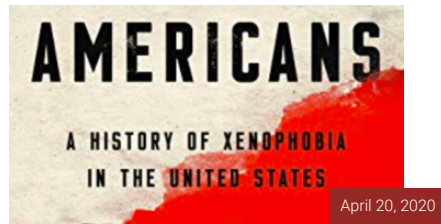


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